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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES OFFICERS DETAINED
FOR CONNECTIONS WITH COMMUNIST PARTY

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1. SIX OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES (DAP) HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY POLICE FOR ALLEGED CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES/MARXIST-LENINIST (CCP/ML) WHILE FOUR OTHERS ARE REPORTEDLY STILL BEING SOUGHT. NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF JANUARY 20 LIST FIVE OF THE SIX ALREADY IN CUSTODY AS NENA FLORINA JOAQUIN, JOSEPHINE DONGAIL, RAMON CRUZ JR., JAIME CURA AND CONRADO NAVARRO.

2. THE SIXTH INDIVIDUAL IN CUSTODY, HORACIO (BOY) R. MORALES, WAS, UNTIL HIS DISAPPEARANCE IN MID-DECEMBER, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE DAP. MORALES, RECENTLY SELECTED ONE OF THE "TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF THE PHILIPPINES," HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR HIS DAP POST BY ONOFRE D. CORPUZ, FOUNDER OF THE DAP AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE

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PHILIPPINES. MORALES' ALLEGED DESERTION TO THE CPP/ML WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN UNSIGNED MANIFESTO DISTRIBUTED TO WIRE SERVICES IN WHICH HE REPUDIATED THE GOVERNMENT AND ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO WORK FOR THE CPP/ML. SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE JUAN PONCE ENRILE HAD EARLIER TOLD EMBOFFS HE BELIEVED MORALES WOULD REPLACE RECENTLY CAPTURED JOSE MA. SISON (REFTEL) AS LEADER OF THE CPP/ML; HE HAS REFUSED

TO CONFIRM MORALES' CAPTURE. THE FOUR OTHERS STILL BEING SOUGHT BY POLICE HAVE NOT BEEN NAMED. CHURCH ACTIVIST SOURCES LIST ONE DAP MEMBER, IDA ICHOCO, AS MISSING; NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS HAVE MADE NO MENTION OF ICHOCO.

3. THE DAP IS A GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR MID-LEVEL AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IT IS STAFFED BY A CADRE OF YOUNG, INTELLIGENT PROFESSIONALS, SOME OF WHOM WERE ACTIVE IN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE LATE SIXTIES. MANY ARE REPORTEDLY FRUSTRATED WITH THE QUALITY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH WHOM THEY COME INTO CONTACT DURING TRAINING PROGRAMS AND THE INABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH THE NATION'S PRESSING SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

4. COMMENT: IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT MORALES WAS SELECTED TO SUCCEED SISON AS LEADER OF THE CCP/ML. MORALES REPORTEDLY HAD ONLY BEEN A PARTY MEMBER SINCE 1976 AND HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HOLDING ANY PARTY OFFICE. RATHER, MORALES MAY HAVE ATTEMPTED TO TURN TO FULL-TIME PARTY WORK TO BOLSTER THE PARTY'S INTELLECTUAL APPARATUS. THE CPP/ML HAS RECENTLY SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT LOSSES AMONG ITS INTELLECTUALS, NOTABLY SISON, LEAVING IT WITHOUT WRITERS OF ABILITY, AS WELL AS A LIAISON WITH PARTY SYMPATHIZERS IN MANILA'S INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY.

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